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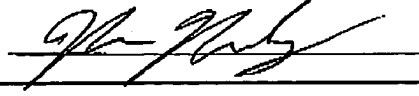
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Dear Sir:

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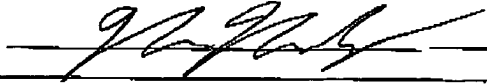
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated 5 October 2004.

**CONFIRMATION OF RESTRICTION/ELECTION**

The Examiner has expressed the view that the application contains claims directed to a number of patentably distinct inventions/species and has required, under 35 USC § 121, that the Applicant elect a single disclosed invention/species for prosecution on the merits.

In a telephone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's agent, the Applicant provisionally elected "invention I" (claims 1-34) as identified by the Examiner. The Applicant hereby affirms the election of "invention I" (claims 1-34) without traverse.

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**AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.